

CONGRESS CLAMOR RISES FOR CIA SCRUTINY

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Members of Congress made new demands today for an immediate, full-scale investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement with private groups.

At the same time, congressional supporters of the undercover agency's operations defended its activities against the latest in a series of disclosures and criticisms of the CIA's dealings with student groups, foundations and a labor union.

Among the latest developments:

• The CIA reportedly channeled to the American

Newspaper Guild more than \$1 million for the union's international activities over the past several years. Arthur Rosenstock, president of the AFL-CIO union, told a reporter in New York the Guild had no knowledge that any of the money came from the CIA. "The charges are completely unfounded, according to the best of our knowledge," he said. "The CIA was not in this or a part of it, certainly not to our knowledge."

• The National Student Assn.'s supervisory board said the CIA had provided up to 80 per cent of the NSA budget and used NSA leaders and staff to gather intelligence.

In Congress, the chairman of the Democratic Study

Group, Rep. Frank Thompson Jr., D-N. J., said, "The more disclosures there are, the more need there is for an immediate investigation by a joint committee of Congress."

Thompson, saying he was shaken by the latest reports, declared, "It's obvious that a great many groups and people have been compromised" by the CIA activities. The study group he heads is an organization of liberal Democratic House members.

Rep. William F. Ryan, D-N.Y., said "I think there's no question but that the Congress should step in and investigate the entirety of the CIA's involvement in domestic affairs and what it's doing abroad."

"The question before the country is the extent to

which an almost-secret, almost-independent agency of the government has been affecting our policy and has also been subverting the values of a free society."

NSA leaders last night accused the CIA of laying "an ethical trap for young men of great integrity" with money, draft deferments and the threat of jail.

But the chairman of the House subcommittee that supervises the CIA, Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, D-S. C., said his group has kept watch on all CIA activities and has found no wrongdoing.

Rivers, chairman of the House armed services com-

mittee as well as its CIA subcommittee, said of the alleged jail threats: "I don't believe the CIA did that."

The South Carolina Democrat says he's in daily touch with the CIA. "I live just five miles from CIA headquarters (in nearby Virginia) and it's not unusual for me to go over and have breakfast with those boys."

Rivers' subcommittee questioned CIA Director Richard Helms at length yesterday and said afterward that no students or NSA staff had been used for espionage. Rivers said he knows nothing of statements by NSA leaders that some of them have been given draft deferments.

As for payment of money to students, Republican subcommittee member William H. Bates of Massachusetts, said: "Of course they have received money—that was the idea."

But he added that the CIA "did not go to this organization (the NSA)—the organization asked for help."

The subcommittee issued a statement yesterday commending the CIA for giving money to the students and said the purpose was "to counter Communist attempts to take over" student organizations in the non-Communist world.

The current furor was touched off by disclosure earlier this week that for about 15 years the CIA, operating through foundations, has been secretly helping finance this organization of college students, the nation's largest. NSA officials have insisted that only a handful of their number knew of the arrangement.

Rivers said his subcommittee will consider "anything that's worthy of our cognizance. But he added: "we can't open the heart of the CIA to the public."

Some members of the Senate also are demanding a thoroughgoing investigation of the CIA.

One of the intelligence agency's strongest senatorial critics, Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., said "We must continue to press for greater congressional control" over the CIA because it could become an "arm over which nobody can be held responsible."

Democratic leader Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana said he hopes an appropriate Senate committee will look into the allegations "so incidents of this nature (involving the NSA) should not arise in the future."

But Sen. John G. Tower, R-Tex., said the whole thing has become overblown, "with a good deal of the emotion-
alism squeezing aside rational analysis."

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